

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

**BE LABS, INC.,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**ALTICE USA, INC.,**

Defendant.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Patent Case

Jury Trial Demanded

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Be Labs, Inc. (“Be Labs”), through its attorney, complains of Altice USA, Inc. (“Altice”), and alleges the following:

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff, Be Labs, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of New York that maintains its principal place of business at 1285 Greenbriar Lane, North Balmore, NY 11710.
2. Defendant Altice USA, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware that maintains its principal place of business at 1111 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714.

**JURISDICTION**

3. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code.
4. This Court has exclusive subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).
5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Altice because it has engaged in systematic and continuous business activities in the District of Delaware. Specifically, Altice provides its full

range of services to residents in this District. As described below, Altice has committed acts of patent infringement giving rise to this action within this District.

#### **VENUE**

6. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because Altice has committed acts of patent infringement in this District and has a regular and established place of business in this District. Specifically, Altice provides its full range of services to residents in this District. In addition, Be Labs has suffered harm in this district.

#### **PATENTS-IN-SUIT**

7. Be Labs is the assignee of assignee of all right, title and interest in United States Patent No. 7,827,581 (the “’581 Patent”) and 9,344,183 (the “’183 Patent”), collectively the “Patents-in-Suit,” including all rights to enforce and prosecute actions for infringement and to collect damages for all relevant times against infringers of the Patents-in-Suit. Accordingly, Be Labs possesses the exclusive right and standing to prosecute the present action for infringement of the Patents-in-Suit by Altice.

#### **The ’581 Patent**

8. On November 2, 2010, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the ’581 Patent. The ’581 Patent is titled “Wireless Multimedia System.” The application leading to the ’581 Patent was filed on February 28, 2001 and claims priority to a provisional application filed in 2000. A true and correct copy of the ’581 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
9. The ’581 Patent is valid and enforceable.
10. The invention claimed in the ’581 Patent relates to a wireless distribution system for home or business use that receives signals that are then re-broadcast throughout the site by low energy transmissions to end units. Ex. A at 1:24-29. A wireless media center receives signals from

one or more sources, and the signals are broadcasted to video end units for televisions and radios, and communications end units for telephones and data. *Id.* at 1:54-56. Data channels tell the wireless distribution system which program and data signals should be sent. *Id.* at 1:57-58.

### **The '183 Patent**

11. On May 17, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the '183 Patent. The '183 Patent is titled "Wireless Multimedia System." The application leading to the '183 Patent was filed on October 1, 2010 and is a continuation of the application that issued as the '581 Patent. A true and correct copy of the '183 Patent is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
12. The '183 Patent is valid and enforceable.
13. The '183 Patent is related to the '581 Patent and, therefore, the invention in the '183 Patent also relates to a wireless distribution system for home or business use that receives signals that are then re-broadcast throughout the site by low energy transmissions to end units. Ex. B at 1:29-45.

### **COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '581 PATENT**

14. Be Labs incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.
15. **Direct Infringement.** Altice has been and continues to directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '581 Patent in this District and elsewhere in the United States, by providing a system, for example Altice's Fiber Gateway 4x4, that is a wireless distribution system for home or business use that receives signals that are then re-broadcast throughout the site by low energy transmissions to end units.
16. Altice sells, offers for sale in the United States, and imports into the United States, the Fiber Gateway 4x4.

17. Altice provides a customer premises system. For example, Altice provides its customers with the Fiber Gateway 4x4, IEEE 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant wireless distribution systems. See Figure 1; <http://www.alticelabs.com/en/286-altice-labs-developed-a-new-fiber-gateway-4x4.html>.



*Figure 1. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 is compliant with IEEE 802.11ac and 802.11n wireless distribution systems, and therefore provides a customer premises system.*

18. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 uses “digital data packets” in that it uses a container of data defined by boundaries set according to a protocol. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, uses three types of digital data packets: data frames, control frames, and management frames.

19. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 “communicates” in that it transmits digital data packets bi-directionally, with a hand-shaking mechanism for each digital data packet. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, carries out bi-directional communications that involve the receiving end unit sending an acknowledgement message to the

transmitter of a data frame for data frames that have been successfully received.

20. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 “broadcasts” in that it transmits digital data packets in one direction, with no hand-shaking mechanism for each digital data packet. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, carries out broadcast transmission of data frames, where the receiving end unit does not send an acknowledgement when it receives a data frame.

21. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 includes a wireless multimedia center (WMC) for reception on said premises from one or more signal sources and for distribution of segments of signals from said signal sources through the wireless multimedia center. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, has a Wide Area Network (WAN) port for connecting to a broadband modem, which then connects to an internet service provider via Cable, DSL, fiber optic line, or terrestrial antenna. The Fiber Gateway 4x4’s WAN port thereby receives signals carrying data that provides the internet service. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 distributes the internet service signal wirelessly to multiple wireless clients simultaneously.

22. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 communicates with a plurality of end units. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4 communicates with many types of 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant end units, including handheld devices, laptops, tablets, PCs, digital TVs, and set-top boxes.

23. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 transmits signals including video or audio signals, and broadband communication data. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4 transmits signals for gaming and HD video streaming. The single-link and multi-station enhancements supported by 802.11ac and 802.11n, allows the Fiber Gateway 4x4 to, among other things, simultaneously stream HD video to multiple wireless clients through a home, and rapidly synchronize and backup large data files.

24. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 includes a wireless multimedia center that receives all the signals and distributes segments of said signals via a transmitter. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 receives all WAN signals from a network connection at the premises via a broadband modem. An internal access point in the Fiber Gateway 4x4 transmits segments of the WAN signals as requested by wireless clients, and specifically contains an 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant transmitter that supports multiple input multiple output (MU-MIMO) transmission for this purpose.

25. The Fiber Gateway 4x4's video signals are broadcast by orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) in which all signals are added together and summed as an orthogonal array having dimensions of time, frequency and amplitude, to transmit spread spectrum multiplexed signals, in which each pulse including said signals has sufficiently long individual pulse widths to defeat multi-path, reflection and absorption phase induced losses. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4 contains an 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant MU-MIMO transmitter, which uses space-time coding of the OFDM signals (including video signals) to distinguish the multipath OFDM signals that reach the same end unit and are therefore combined according to MIMO techniques.

26. The Fiber Gateway 4x4's video signals are also broadcast from the wireless multimedia center via one or more separate and dedicated RF channels to one or more end units. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4's 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant MU-MIMO transmitter uses multiple transmit and receive antennas so that signals received by the same end unit can be combined, and this thereby creates a separate and dedicated RF channel for each end unit and allows for the same signal to be shared among multiple end units.

27. End units communicate simultaneously with the wireless multimedia center provided by the Fiber Gateway 4x4, via a separate bi-directional wideband data pipe (WDP) which

provides, as demanded, control for the video channels, data transfer, or plain old telephone service, wherein said wireless multimedia center controls which segments of which signals are distributed to each end unit; the video signals are broadcast independently without the presence of communication signals and/or are broadcast simultaneously with the communication signals. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, uses a prioritized queue mechanism to control which segments of signals are included in multi-user data packet transmissions. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 prioritizes segments of signals based on the communication needs of applications that are running on the end unit devices, such as voice data and video applications. The end units communicate bi-directionally with the Fiber Gateway 4x4 based upon the channel acquisition procedure.

28. **Induced Infringement.** Altice has also actively induced, and continues to induce, the infringement of at least claim 1 of the '581 Patent by actively inducing its customers, including merchants and end-users to use Altice's Fiber Gateway 4x4 in an infringing manner as described above. Upon information and belief, Altice has specifically intended that its customers use its Fiber Gateway 4x4 in a manner that infringes at least claim 1 of the '581 Patent by, at a minimum, providing access to, support for, training and instructions for, its Fiber Gateway 4x4 to its customers to enable them to infringe at least claim 1 of the '581 Patent, as described above. Even where performance of the steps required to infringe at least claim 1 of the '581 Patent is accomplished by Altice and Altice's customer jointly, Altice's actions have solely caused all of the steps to be performed.

29. Be Labs is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

30. Be Labs will continue to be injured, and thereby caused irreparable harm, unless

and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement.

**COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF THE '183 PATENT**

31. Be Labs incorporates the above paragraphs herein by reference.

32. **Direct Infringement.** Altice has been and continues to directly infringe at least claim 1 of the '183 Patent in this District and elsewhere in the United States, by providing a system, for example Altice's Fiber Gateway 4x4, that is a wireless distribution system for home or business use that receives signals that are then re-broadcast throughout the site by low energy transmissions to end units.

33. Altice sells, offers for sale in the United States, and imports into the United States, the Fiber Gateway 4x4.

34. Altice provides a multimedia device for use in an indoor, multi-room, home or business, building environment. For example, Altice provides its customers with the Fiber Gateway 4x4, an IEEE 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant wireless distribution system. *See* Figure 2; <http://www.alticelabs.com/en/286-altice-labs-developed-a-new-fiber-gateway-4x4.html>.





*Figure 2. The FIBER GATEWAY 4X4 is compliant with IEEE 802.11ac and 802.11n wireless distribution systems, and therefore provides a customer premises system.*

35. Altice provides a distribution box located in one of the rooms of the indoor, multi-room, building environment and having at least one input for receiving a signal from at least one of a wireless source and a wired source, the signal having at least one of an audio component and a video component. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, has a WAN port that connects to a broadband modem, which connects to an internet service provider via Cable, DSL, fiber optic line, or terrestrial antenna. The Fiber Gateway 4x4's WAN port thereby receives signals carrying data that provides the internet service. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 communicates wirelessly, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, with multiple wireless clients simultaneously. Additionally, the wireless signals received and transmitted by the Fiber Gateway 4x4 include signals for video streaming and broadband data communications.

36. Altice provides an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) transceiver operatively connected to the at least one input of the distribution box. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4, in accordance with 802.11ac and 802.11n specifications, uses OFDM transmission techniques. Additionally, it uses MIMO transmission, which uses multiple input and multiple output antennas to improve signal transmission in indoor environments.

37. The Fiber Gateway 4x4's OFDM transceiver is also operative for wirelessly and unidirectionally broadcasting the signal using OFDM modulation inside the indoor, multi-room, building environment from the distribution box in the room in multiple directions to a plurality of end units. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4 broadcasts transmissions of data frames, where the receiving end unit does not send an acknowledgement when it receives a data frame. Additionally, the Fiber Gateway 4x4 uses MIMO transmission technology, which allows transmissions to be

spatially directed to more than one diversely located end units.

38. The Fiber Gateway 4x4 also provides at least one of the end units being located in another room separated by a wall from the one room of the indoor, multi-room, building environment, the at least one end unit receiving the unidirectionally broadcast signal through the wall via packets each having a width of sufficient duration to resist multi-path reflection and absorption phase induced losses. For example, the Fiber Gateway 4x4's 802.11ac and 802.11n-compliant OFDM transmission techniques allow its transmissions to penetrate walls of typical indoor thickness and made of, among other things, concrete, steel and wood. This transmission technique distributes data across multiple subchannels, where the data rate on each subchannel is slow enough to resist interference from by multi-path reflection and absorption caused by signals passing through indoor walls, including walls made of concrete, steel, and wood.

39. **Induced Infringement.** Altice has also actively induced, and continues to induce, the infringement of at least claim 1 of the '183 Patent by actively inducing its customers, including merchants and end-users to use Altice's Fiber Gateway 4x4 in an infringing manner as described above. Upon information and belief, Altice has specifically intended that its customers use its Fiber Gateway 4x4 in a manner that infringes at least claim 1 of the '183 Patent by, at a minimum, providing access to, support for, training and instructions for, its Fiber Gateway 4x4 to its customers to enable them to infringe at least claim 1 of the '183 Patent, as described above. Even where performance of the steps required to infringe at least claim 1 of the '183 Patent is accomplished by Altice and Altice's customer jointly, Altice's actions have solely caused all of the steps to be performed.

40. Be Labs is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement in an amount no less than a reasonable royalty under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

41. Be Labs will continue to be injured, and thereby caused irreparable harm, unless and until this Court enters an injunction prohibiting further infringement.

**JURY DEMAND**

42. Under Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Be Labs respectfully requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Be Labs asks this Court to enter judgment against Altice, granting the following relief:

- A. A declaration that Altice has infringed the Patents-in-Suit;
- B. An award of damages to compensate Be Labs for Altice's direct infringement of the Patents-in-Suit;
- C. An order that Altice and its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from infringing the Patents-in-Suit under 35 U.S.C. § 283;
- D. An award of damages, including trebling of all damages, sufficient to remedy Altice's willful infringement of the Patents-in-Suit under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- E. A declaration that this case is exceptional, and an award to Be Labs of reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and costs under 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- F. An award of prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and
- G. Such other relief as this Court or jury may deem proper and just.

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